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Appointments To The Ulster County Recycling Oversight Committee

The Ulster County Legislature's Environmental Committee Chairman, Brian Shapiro is pleased to announce that appointments will be made to the Ulster County Recycling Oversight Committee as mandated in Ulster County's Local Law No. 8 of 1991 – Ulster County Mandatory Source Separation And Recycling Law. This committee of volunteers consists of representation from the Environmental Committee, the private sector business and haulers, the Town Supervisors and Mayors Association, Recycling Coordinator/Transfer Station Operators, Environmental Management Council and a liaison from the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency. Legislator Tracey Bartels (D-I-W), Gardiner, has been appointed Chairman of the Oversight Committee.

The Recycling Oversight Committee is to serve as an advisory committee in the areas of designation of regulated recyclable materials; recycling progress; rules and regulations; and other matters suggested by the Environmental Committee and Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency. Chairman Shapiro (D-I-W), Woodstock, stated, *"Through the coordination of various stakeholders, this committee will play an important role by increasing both recycling awareness and actual tonnage of recyclable materials as well. This is something to be proud of."*

UCRRA Director, Mike Bemis said, *"The County and the Resource Recovery Agency have built a very nice recycling processing facility and transportation infrastructure to assist residents and currently has a decent performance rate of diverting materials from landfills. The Recycling Oversight Committee can be of great assistance in improving Ulster County's performance, especially with business compliance issues and securing permanent solutions to help eliminate the disposal of increasing volumes of electronic scrap (e-waste), especially computers."*

Recommendations for appointments will be forwarded to the Ulster County Legislature for approval.